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District Department of Transportation



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THE DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Child Safety Belt Program

BUCKLE UP – Every Trip, Every Time!



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TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PROJECT SAFE-CHILD

The District of Columbia Government has made it easier for District residents to protect their families. Project Safe-Child is a child safety seat program for residents of the District of Columbia. The purpose of this program is to provide DC residents infant, toddler, and booster seats, at a reduced rate, information, and educational materials on properly buckling in children.

Your only requirement is to be a current DC resident. Bring proper identification, such as a valid DC Driver's License or other picture identification card with your current DC address on it, when you pick up your seat.

IT'S DC LAW:

- DC's Child Restraint Amendment Act of 2002 requires that children less than eight years old must be properly seated in an installed infant, toddler or booster child safety seat, and booster seats must be used with both a lap and shoulder belt.
- DC law requires that all children ages 8 and older, as well as all adults – both driver and passengers, wear seat belts at all times.

BUCKLE THEM INTO CHILD CAR SEATS

- Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among children ages 2 to 14, mainly due to the nonuse or improper use of child seats and seat belts.
- Every day, 5 children under 14 are killed and 548 injured in motor vehicle crashes.
- The proper use of child car seats is one of the simplest and most effective methods available for protecting their lives.

PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN

- There are over 70 different types of child car seats on the market today.
- All seats are rated by NHTSA and meet Federal Safety Standards and strict Crash Performance Standards.
- Remember, the best car seat is the one that fits your child properly, is easy to use, and fits in your vehicle correctly.



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IT WILL COST YOU!

- For drivers who do not properly secure child passengers; first offender fines are now \$75, plus two points on the operator's license.
- First-time offenders can choose to pay \$25 and attend a Child Passenger Safety Workshop.
- For second-time offenders, the class plus \$75 fine are mandatory.
- Fines increase to \$125 for a third offense and \$150 for subsequent offenses.
- Penalties for seat belt violations are \$55 for child passengers and \$50 for adults, plus two points on the driver's license.

CAR SEAT PRICES

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| 5 lbs to 20 lbs: | Infant seat: | \$20.00 |
| 20 lbs to 40 lbs: | Convertible seat | \$30.00 |
| 40 lbs to 80 lbs: | No Back | \$20.00 |
| 20 lbs to 100 lbs: | Highback Booster seat (Must be over 1 year old) | \$30.00 |

It is important to put all children over 40 lbs and under 54" tall in booster seats!

TANF PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Persons receiving Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) can purchase one (1) car seat for \$20.00. You must provide a statement showing you have been approved. The statement cannot be over six months old and must be accompanied by proper identification, such as a photo driver or non-driver's license issued by the DC Department of Motor Vehicles or a voter registration card accompanied by photo identification. You will also need to attend a Child Passenger Safety Workshop.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL (202)-671-2350.

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WORKSHOPS

Workshops are held at different times and locations every month. Participants will learn:

1. How to be able to select the appropriate restraint for their child.
2. How to properly install a child restraint for their child and recognize misuse of a child restraint.
3. Awareness of Washington, DC's Child Restraint and Seat Belt laws.
4. The importance of buckling a child properly – every ride, every time.



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GUIDE TO CHILD SAFETY SEATS

TIPS AND FACTS: What to Remember when Using Child Restraints

INFANT & CONVERTIBLE

- Use a rear-facing seat to at least age 1 and 20 lbs.
- Use your rear-facing car seat longer if the seat has higher weight and height limits.
- Put harnesses through the slots so they are even with or below the infant shoulders.
- Adjust the chest clip to armpit level

TODDLER

- Use a forward-facing car seat until the harness no longer fits.
- Use you forward-facing car seat correctly in a back seat every time your toddler rides in a car.
- Put harnesses through the slots so they are even with or above the child's shoulders.
- Adjust the chest clip to armpit level.
- Car seats should be installed according to the manufacturer instructions.
- Use the car's safety belt or LATCH system to lock the car seat into the car. Your car seat should not move more than one-inch side-to-side or front to back. Grab the car seat at the safety belt path or LATCH path to test it.

BOOSTER SEATS

- Use a booster seat with the vehicle lap and shoulder safety belts
- Be sure the safety belt is properly buckled.

CHILD SAFETY SEAT PROPER INSTALLATION SITES

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| Reeves Center 2000 14th Street, NW | Karen Gay | (202) 671-2350 |
| DC Fire & EMS 1923 Vermont Avenue, NW | Terri Matthews | (202) 904-6887 |
| DC DMV Vehicle Inspection Station 1001 Half Street, SW | Larry Walker 8:00am – 4:00pm 8:00am – 2:00pm | (202) 645-4300 Mon. & Wed. Sat. |
| THEARC 1901 Mississippi Avenue, SE CPS.CHECKS@DC.GOV | Sylvia Perkins 10:30am – 3:00pm DC Metropolitan Police Please leave contact information. | Thurs. & Fri. |

FOR CAR SEAT PURCHASES

Project Safe-Child Car Safety Seats can be purchased at the following locations. Please call for hours.

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| Frank D. Reeves Center 2000 14th Street, NW Washington, DC 20009 (202) 671-2350 Infant-Convertible-Booster Right Fit Booster | Georgetown Hospital 3800 Reservoir Road, NW Washington, DC 20007 (202) 687-0428 Infant | Providence Hospital 1150 Varnum Street, NW Washington, DC 20017 (202) 269-7074 Infant-Convertible |
| Adams Morgan Clinic 3220 Euclid Street, NW Washington, DC 20009 (202) 884-5539 Infant-Convertible-Booster Right Fit Booster | George Washington Hospital 900 23rd Street, NW Washington, DC 20037 (202) 715-4167 Infant | Sibley Hospital 5255 Loughboro Road, NW Washington, DC 20016 (202) 243-2339 Infant |
| Centro Nia-Multicultural 1420 Columbia Rd, NW Washington, DC 20009 (202) 332-4200 Infant-Convertible-Booster Right Fit Booster | Howard University Hospital 2041 Georgia Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20009 (202) 865-4774 Patients Only | Upper Cardoza Clinic 3020 14th Street, NW Washington, DC 20010 (202) 745-4300 Must attend class to purchase. |
| Children's Hospital 111 Michigan Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20010 (202) 476-4068 Infant-Convertible-Booster | Mary's Center 1844 Ontario Road, NW Washington, DC 20010 (202) 483-8196 Must attend class to purchase. | Washington Hospital Center 110 Irving Street, NW Washington, DC 20010 (202) 877-7096 Patients Only - Infants |



Have your car seat properly installed for **FREE!**
Call for the location nearest you: **202-671-2350.**

There's no excuse for
any child to be unbuckled
in the District of Columbia.

MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY!

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